

Application No. 10/627,135
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (original) A business form comprising a self-laminating wristband, said wristband having a printable face ply portion, a lamination layer portion for substantially surrounding the printable face ply portion, a strap portion formed in said lamination layer portion and extending from a single side of said face ply portion for wrapping about a person's appendage, and an attachment portion for joining the strap portion to the printable face ply portion to thereby attach said wristband to said person's appendage, the attachment portion including at least one slot located on the side of the face ply portion opposite the strap portion, said at least one slot being at least partially surrounded by adhesive so that said slot may be folded over the strap portion as said strap portion is inserted therethrough to adhere said strap portion in place to thereby attach the wristband to said person's appendage.
2. (original) The business form of claim 1 wherein said strap portion and the attachment portion are formed in the lamination layer portion, and the face ply portion includes a layer of face stock adhered to said lamination layer portion.
3. (original) The business form of claim 2 wherein the attachment portion includes an extension, with said at least one slot being positioned in said extension, and wherein said face stock includes a tab extending into the extension and near said at least one slot so that as said strap portion is inserted into said at least one slot it is shielded by said tab from contacting the adhesive.

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4. (original) The business form of claim 3 wherein a second slot is formed in the face stock, and wherein the lamination layer portion includes an overlay portion sized substantially the same or larger than the face stock, with a slot formed in said overlay portion to match and line up with the face stock slot as the overlay portion is folded over the face stock.
5. (original) The business form of claim 4 further comprising a periphery of adhesive on said overlay portion so that as said overlay portion is folded over said face stock said periphery substantially surrounds the face stock.
6. (original) The business form of claim 5 further comprising a fold line formed through the extension slot as a guide for folding said extension over onto the strap portion after it is inserted therethrough.
7. (original) The business form of claim 6 wherein the self-laminating wristband is formed in a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet being comprised of a layer of face stock and a layer of laminating material.
8. (original) The business form of claim 7 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately envelope sized.
9. (original) The business form of claim 7 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately page sized, and further comprising a plurality of self adhering labels applied thereto.
10. (currently amended) A business form comprising a self-laminating wristband, said wristband having a printable face ply portion, a lamination layer portion for substantially surrounding the printable face ply portion, a strap portion formed in said lamination layer portion and extending from a single side of said face ply portion for wrapping about a person's appendage, and an attachment portion for joining the strap portion to the printable face ply portion to thereby attach said wristband to said person's appendage, the attachment portion

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including two slots located on opposite sides of a length of the face ply portion and through at least one of which the strap is inserted to affix the wristband to a patient's appendage, at least one of said slots being at least partially surrounded by adhesive.

11. (original) The business form of claim 10 wherein said strap portion and the attachment portion are formed in the lamination layer portion, and the face ply portion includes a layer of face stock adhered to said lamination layer portion.
12. (original) The business form of claim 11 wherein the slots are substantially aligned so that as the lamination portion is folded over the face stock the slots are aligned with the face stock.
13. (original) The business form of claim 12 wherein both of the slots are substantially surrounded by adhesive.
14. (original) The business form of claim 13 further comprising adhesive applied to an outboard end of the strap for adhering the strap end to the wristband after it is inserted through either one or both of said slots.
15. (original) The business form of claim 14 wherein the lamination layer portion includes an overlay portion sized substantially the same as the face stock, and wherein said slots include slots formed in the overlay portion which match and line up with the opposing slots as the overlay portion is folded over the face stock.
16. (original) The business form of claim 15 further comprising a periphery of adhesive on said overlay portion so that as said overlay portion is folded over said face stock said periphery substantially surrounds the face stock.

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17. (original) The business form of claim 16 wherein the self-laminating wristband is formed in a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet being comprised of a layer of face stock and a layer of laminating material.

18. (original) The business form of claim 17 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately envelope sized.

19. (original) The business form of claim 17 wherein said carrier sheet is approximately page sized, and further comprising a plurality of self adhering labels applied thereto.

20. (original) A method of attaching the wristband of claim 1 to a person comprising the steps of:

detaching the wristband from the business form,
folding the lamination layer portion over to thereby laminate the face ply portion,
wrapping the strap portion about a person's appendage and through the at least one slot,

and

adhering the strap portion by folding the at least one slot over the inserted strap.

21. (original) A business form containing a self-laminating wristband, said business form having two layers of material comprising a bottom laminate layer and a top face stock layer, the wristband including a printable face stock portion defined by a die cut in the face stock layer and a strap/laminating portion defined by a die cut in the laminate layer, a first slot formed by a die cut in the lamination layer opposite a strap portion of the strap/laminating portion, said first slot being surrounded by a layer of adhesive, and a second slot formed by a die cut in two locations of the laminate layer and in the face stock layer, said second slot die cuts being located to come into alignment as the wristband is separated from the business form and self-laminated.

22. (Canceled).

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23. (currently amended) The business form of claim 2238 wherein the face stock layer includes a tab extending to an inner edge of the first slot so that as said strap is inserted therethrough it is protected from contact with the adhesive substantially surrounding the first slot.

24-37 (Canceled)

38. (new) A business form containing a self-laminating wristband, said wristband having a laminating layer and an imaging receiving face stock layer, and a cinch for securing the wristband about a person's appendage, said cinch comprising a strap formed in one side of said laminating layer and a pair of slots formed in the opposing side of the laminating layer, one of said slots being substantially surrounded by adhesive so that upon separation from the business form the wristband is assembled by folding over the laminating layer to laminate the face stock layer, inserting the strap through a first slot, folding it over onto the strap to adhere it in place, and inserting the strap through the second slot to avoid obscuring the face stock layer.